

**WØMTL — Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News — WØKEM,**  
**January 2013**



**Happy New Year**



**2013 HARC OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT: DON VARY, KDØHHN -- V-PRES: LUAN SANDBERG, KC9PGS**  
**SECRETARY: FRED MILLER, KBØWIL -- TREASURER: LARRY LAUER, WB2UFO**  
**TRUSTEE: CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA**  
**EDITOR: BONNIE SINCLAIR, WBØWAP**

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**Next Scheduled Meeting:**  
**Wednesday – JANUARY 9, at 7:30 PM**

**Beth Haven Pleasant View**  
**641 Euclid Avenue**  
**Hannibal, Mo 63401**

**Enter at the main entrance, turn left to the elevator. Take the elevator to the second floor, and the club's meeting room is directly across the hallway. See map directions on HARC website.**

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**MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY NET CALL LIST - JANUARY 2013**

7	WB2UFO	LARRY
14	KDØHHN	DON
21	KB9VIS	BRIAN
28	KØDFW	HOWARD

**FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2013**  
**Hannibal, MO ARC 2013 Exam Dates**

**January 9th, 2013, April 10th, 2013, July 10th, 2013, October 9th, 2013**

Exams will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Pleasant View, 641 Euclid Avenue Hannibal, Mo 63401. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KBØWIL at [kb0wil@arrl.net](mailto:kb0wil@arrl.net) or 573-221-2429.

The 2013 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

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**HARC CLUB DUES:**

HARC annual dues are due each January. The dues are very important and are needed to keep repeaters up and running, plus other expenses of the club. The yearly dues fee is \$20.00 per member, & \$5.00 for each additional family member. You can pay at club meetings, or send the money to HARC, P.O. Box 1522 Hannibal Mo, 63401.

Thanks!!

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**HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES**



**Minutes of the meeting as recorded by:**  
**Fred-KBØWIL HARC-Secretary**  
**\* ARRL Assistant Director Midwest Division\***

**Date:** December 12, 2012

**Location:** Pleasant View, 641 Euclid St, Hannibal, MO 63401

**NOTE:** December minutes were taken by Don-KDØHHN as Acting Secretary, in absence of Secretary Fred Miller KBØWIL

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** November 14, 2012

A motion was made by Ann KB9BAL to approve the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Ed K9WAY. The motion was carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tony, WØPGL reported that last month he made an error in last month's report. The cash on hand was reported as \$1081.34, with CD balance of \$1313.42. The cash on hand should have been \$ 1052.28, making the total \$2363.72. Cliff-KØCA made a motion, seconded by Ann-KB9BAL to amend the Treasurer's report for last month. The motion was carried.

**Current Treasurer's Report:**

Cash on hand: \$1047.22  
CD Balance: \$1311.44  
Total: \$2358.66

A motion was made by JD-WØAJD, seconded by Luan-KC9PGS to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was carried.

**Repeaters:** No problems noted.

**Old Business:**

By-Laws: Don-KDØHHN asked if everyone received a copy of the By-Laws and had a chance to look over them. John-KC9MMO asked about using Roberts Rules for the club and the meetings. Don and Cliff-KØCA responded that the inclusion of Roberts Rules was a standard procedure to cover things that could come up in the future that were not covered under the By-laws, mainly as a fall-back to help if needed. Don mentioned that the only major change from the '93 set was changing the amendment section to make the vote a 2/3 majority and requiring that the proposals (amendments) be in writing. Larry-WB2UFO spoke that he thought the changes looked good, and it was good to see the requirement for a quorum to insure that there would be enough members present to properly take care of club business. Cliff also suggested that we review the By-Laws possibly on a yearly basis to make sure they are doing what they should, instead of letting such a long period of time pass between any needed revisions. Don also said he would check with Fred to see if they are on the club website for any member to see and print off a copy if they wanted one, that way the Secretary would not have to keep copies to give to people. Kermit- KØZXQ asked if the current dues were providing enough income to help with paying the bills of the club, or if we needed to do anything with them. Tony replied that they were keeping a good cash level for the club. A motion was made by Cliff-KØCA and seconded by John-KC9MMO to accept the By-Laws. The motion was carried.

Generator from Oral: John-KC9MMO asked if anything had been done on the generator that Oral-KØUBR had mentioned he was getting. Don said that he had not talked to Oral to find out anything else, and would get a hold of him before the next meeting.

Club Dinner: February 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 at Golden Corral. We will be sitting up front like last year. The dinner starts at 6:00 PM. Everyone is responsible for their own meal. Don will be checking with Fred to see if he will purchase the gifts.

### **New Business:**

Cliff-KØCA proposed that Tony-WØPGL be awarded Life Membership for his years of service to the club and Amateur Radio. He has served the past 23 years as Treasurer for the club and has always been around to help out when help was needed. Cliff then made a motion, seconded by Ann-KB9BAL to grant Tony Life Membership in HARC. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers: Don-KDØHHN reported that the following were nominated last month for their respective positions:

President: Don Vary – KDØHHN  
Vice – President: Luan Sandberg – KC9PGS  
Secretary: Fred Miller – KBØWIL  
Treasurer: Larry Lauer – WB2UFO  
Trustee : Cliff Ahrens – KØCA

The floor was opened for nominations, and with none received, a motion was made by John-KC9MMO that the nominations be closed and the Acting Secretary cast one ballot for the slate as presented. The motion was seconded by Ed-NØWNV, and carried. The ballot was cast and all officers elected for the 2013 year.

**Member of the year:** Don-KDØHHN opened the floor for nominations for member of the year to be presented at the February meeting. The following members were nominated: Larry-WB2UFO for his work with the GOTA station this year at Field Day. Luan-KC9PGS for all the work she does at the meetings and as an officer of the club. Fred-KBØWIL for all of his work, not only as Secretary, but also as the person in charge of the VEC program for the club and administering the licensing exams. If anyone has any other nominations, please contact a club officer. The recipient will be decided by secret ballot at the January meeting.

**50/50:** Kermit-KØZXQ won the 50/50, which he donated back to the club. Thanks Kermit!!

With no other business, a motion was made by John-KC9MMO and seconded by Ed-K9WAY to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

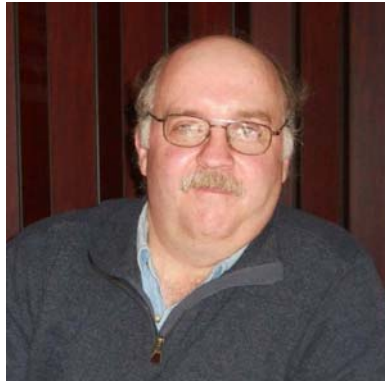
Number of Members Present: 16

Number of Guests Present: 4

Total Number Present : 20

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**  
**JANUARY 2013**  
**BY DON VARY KD0HHN**



Hello everyone. First off, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and high hopes for a Happy New Year, in spite of everything that we hear coming out of the great circus known as Washington DC and our current administration.

I was looking at the Hannibal Courier Post the other day and I saw a picture of "Operation Moonbeam" that the Club apparently operated during the 1950's. Cliff, KØCA also sent one of a picture that was taken about the same time of the club house in Riverside Park where we used to meet. If anyone knows anything about either of these, I would love to hear about them. If anyone also has more pictures, please feel free to share them with everyone. Things like this are part of our history and make us what we are. History has always been a hobby of mine, and when coupled with Amateur Radio, makes it all the more interesting.

I would like to take a moment also to ask everyone to keep the victims and their families of the recent incident in Connecticut in mind. When things like this happen, it always seems to bring out the best and worst in people. The best is the compassion and caring that are shown to the victims and their families, with the worst being the rampant emotionalism, irresponsibility of the media and their obvious slants concerning subjects that arise from these situations along with certain groups attempting to shove their ideas down everyone's throat whether we want them or not. We have current laws that cover events and issues such as this, and I feel that we should be reminding our elected officials that if they would enforce the current laws and regulations the way they should be, there would be no need for additional knee-jerk reactions such as the ones coming from D.C. lately.

I would like to offer my congratulations to our new slate of officers and welcome Larry, WB2UFO to the office of Treasurer, and Tony, WØPGL on his "retirement" as Treasurer of the club. Tony said that he had held that position for 22 years and he definitely deserves the rest. I am also glad to announce that he has become the first Life Member of the club, well at least the first in a while, and he is definitely deserving of this honor.

Well, not much else to say. The holiday has been keeping me, and I suppose everyone else very busy with work, and more importantly, family gatherings, so with that, I will close this month's column and remind everyone about the dinner meeting February 9<sup>th</sup> at Golden Corral, starting at 6. Hope to see everyone there.

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## DX Notes



by Mike Nowack na9q

&amp; News...

By the time you read this, we will have welcomed in the New Year and more importantly the end of the operating period for the ARRL DXCC Diamond Jubilee Challenge will have passed. Without a question the local champion in this event will be Jay, KA9CFD. At Christmas time the Jubilee standings on the ARRL webpage show that during 2012, Jay has worked 206 countries from the 1937 based countries list. At about 20<sup>th</sup> place in the overall standings world-wide, I'm sure no one locally will be able to catch him by New Years' Eve. Congratulations Jay on a very nice effort. I know others in the area were working in pursuit of the Jubilee award and if you did manage to work a minimum of 100 countries from the Jubilee list, be sure to get your application in shortly after January 1. To make it easy to file the necessary forms, ARRL has an online application form which makes it very easy to input your QSO data and to submit the forms online. Arlyce and I did just that and we each had an acknowledgement back (noting corrections ARRL made to our data) within hours. Nice service and I understand the certificate is quite attractive.

The winter time DX season is well underway and unfortunately due to the mild weather and more summer like patterns, the 80 meter band continues to be quite noisy most nights. I had been hoping to clean up my 80 meter DXCC this winter but so far on evenings when I have had time to be in the shack, the noise level has been quite high. Perhaps the New Year will bring better conditions. On the higher frequency bands conditions continue to be quite good with some days providing good signals even on 10 M. Lots of interesting activity despite the poor low band conditions.

If you have ever wondered just how much money is spent putting on a major DXpedition, you will soon get the chance to find out. The Hellenic Amateur Radio Association of Australia will soon publish a detailed financial report on their recent HL9HR operation from Campbell Island. The data will likely show just how expensive it is to get to a remote location and mount a sustained operation. Few DXpedition groups actually publish such accounting information and the HHARAOA report should be interesting reading. Perhaps it will help to motivate more DXers and DX clubs to financially support future operations. Keep an ear open for this report.

Good news is on the way for users of the ARRL LoTW server. ARRL has committed funds to purchase new server hardware in an effort to speed up log processing. Right now at this very busy time of the DX season, the current processing backlog on LoTW is nearly 11 days with some 28,000+ logs waiting to be processed. It may be some weeks or several months before the new system is in place but hopefully once in operation the typical ongoing backlog will be significantly reduced. Fortunately the LoTW log processing backlog does not affect the processing of on line DXCC applications. I recently filed an online endorsement application and it was processed in a matter of a couple of hours.

**DX News...** KENYA, 5Z. LA4GHA is QRV as 5Z4/LA4GHA from Nairobi for the next two years while on work assignment. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters, CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL to home call.

TEMOTU PROVINCE, H40. DK9FN is now active as H40FN on CW until January 7. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Direct QSL requests go via HA8DD.

ANTARCTICA, VP8. RD1AV is active from Vostok Base as RI1ANC until February 17. QSL via RN1ON.

LESOTHO, 7P. JR1IZM is active as 7P8ZM from Maseru City in holiday style using CW, SSB and digital modes on 40-6 meters until January 15, 2013. QSL via JO1CRA.

SEYCHELLES, S7. DC8QT is QRV as S79QT from Mahe, IOTA AF-024, until January 7. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL to home call.

PALAU ISLAND, T8. JH0IXE is QRV as T8CW from Koror Island using RTTY, PSK31 and JT65A on 160-6 meters until January 6. QSL via home call, bureau or direct.

VIET NAM, XV. DD0VR and DE3BWR are active as XV0VR until January 4 from various islands. Activity is on 20 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via DD0VR.

INDONESIA, YB. YC9MLL is active from Flores Island until January 15. Activity is on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, SSTV and PSK31. QSL direct via DW1OXL.

KOSOVO, Z6. LA4MIA is QRV as Z6/LA4MIA and operates on SSB only on 40, 20 and 15 meters. He will be in the fledgling nation until January 8. QSL via LA4MIA. S52DD, Dusan is QRV as Z6/S52DD on 40 through 10 meters on CW, SSB and maybe some RTTY. QSL via his home address. No bureau requests. QSLs will be answered after his return home in late April or May 2013. Miko, Z6/SP5CJQ, is QRV on all modes for the next several months. QSL via home call. (Note: the DXCC status of Kosovo is undetermined at this time. WFWL)

TRISTAN DA CUNHA AND GOUGH ISLANDS, ZD9. ZS1KX is now active as ZD9KX from Gough Island, IOTA AF-030, until October. He has been reported active on the specific frequencies of 14175, 18145, 18155 and 21210 KHz. This may soon include being active on 7078 KHz. QSL via ZS6KX.

And that is the DX news for January. As usual, thanks to the ARRL DX Bulletin, the 425 DX Newsletter and the OPDX DX Bulletin for information contained in this column. 73, Mike NA9Q

**JANUARY BIRTHDAY WISHES!**



**"Now may the Lord of Peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you." (2 Thessalonians 3:16)**

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